

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 23, 25-38, 42-43 and 45-52 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Claims 23, 25-38, 42-43 and 45-52 are kept unchanged.

Claims 23, 25-38, 42-43 and 45-52 are pending in the application.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group II, claims 23, 25-38, 42-43 and 45-52 drawn to a method to prepare non-heterocyclic aromatic internal alkynes.

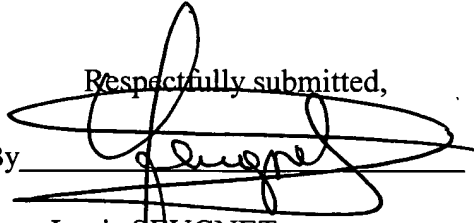
Applicant further elects as single disclosed species for search purposes:

[1-(but-2-ynyloxy)ethyl]-3,4-dimethoxybenzene, whose preparation is described in examples 1 and 2 of the instant specification.

Should the Examiner have any question concerning these remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent at (609) 860-4180. A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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